

Louisiana Department of Health Health Plan Advisory 18-8 May 11, 2018

Portable Oxygen Coverage and Reimbursement

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, reimbursement will be allowed for portable oxygen equipment for enrollees who need continuous oxygen and require portable units while en route to the doctor's office, hospital, medically necessary appointments, or travel to or from school for individuals under the age of 21.

All requests for portable oxygen going forward must be submitted using the following procedure codes:

- E0430-09 Portable gaseous oxygen system, purchase; includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing.
- E0431-07— Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing.
- E0443-09 Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, one month's supply = one unit.

Note: E0430-07 using modifier RR for rental will no longer be a billable code for portable oxygen.

Managed care organizations (MCO) must update their systems to accommodate these corrections for allowable HCPCS codes for portable oxygen in accordance with the requirements set forth above. The Louisiana Department of Health mandates that there be no disruption of service as a result of this correction. MCOs must modify any existing prior authorizations for E0430-07 with an end date on or after July 1, 2018 to end on June 30, 2018. New prior authorization requests received for E0430-07 should have an end date of June 30, 2018 to avoid billing issues for services on or after July 1, 2018. All MCOs must complete their system updates accordingly and publish written instructions for providers regarding prior authorization and claim submissions no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Irma Gauthier at lrma.Gauthier2@la.gov or via phone at (225) 342-7513.